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Re: U.S. Patent Application enclosed herewith  
Filed: January 10, 2001  
Entitled: Fingertip Device for Rupturing Amniotic Membranes

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  - 15 Pages of Specification (inc. cover w/Certificate of Mailing)
  - 1 Page of claims (3 claims)
  - 1 page of Abstract
  - 6 sheets of drawings
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Respectfully submitted,

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	Title	Fingertip Device
	Attorney Docket No.	

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